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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)

(b)

(c) foreign assistance received during the last three years for restoration and upkeep of Heritage Monuments in the country;the monuments covered under this assistance and the amount spent on each monument so far; andthe steps taken by the Government to protect such monuments from its own resources?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b) The Japan Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC) has given a soft loan for conservation of selected monuments around Ajanta - Ellora. The conservation of Jaisalmer Fort is being assisted by the World Monument Fund. The details are at Annexure I.

(c) Routine maintenance and other minor repair works at these monuments are done by Archaeological Survey of India from its own resources. The expenditure incurred by ASI in the last three years is shown at Annexure II.